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FOR EA HOLBROOKE FROM GLEYSTEN

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TAGS: MPOL, PEPR, KS, US
SUBJECT: ACTIVATION CEREMONY FOR ROK/US COMBINED FORCES COMMAND

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1. GENERAL VESSEY HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SECRETARY BROWN
URGING THAT HE DEFINITELY PLAN TO VISIT KOREA THIS FALL AND
USE THE OCCASION TO REPRESENT THE US AT THE ACTIVATION OF
THE NEW COMBINED FORCES COMMAND (CFC). I ENDORSE HIS RE-
COMMENDATION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO
HELP BRING IT OFF.

2. THE ROK MILITARY HAVE UNTIL RECENTLY BEEN THINKING OF
ACTIVATING THE CFC IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, IF NECESSARY WITH
ONLY MINIMAL US REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, DEFMIN RO HAS
CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO DELAY ACTIVATION UNTIL BROWN'S
VISIT SO THAT THE EVENT CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE KOREAN
PEOPLE AS EVIDENCE OF THE SOLIDITY OF THE AMERICAN SECURITY
COMMITMENT. SO LONG AS WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL
BLESSING TO PROCEED (REFTEL) I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE
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WHETHER THE CFC IS INQUGURATED IN SEPTEMBER OR NOVEMBER.
BUT I THINK MINISTER RO'S IDEA OF HAVING HAROLD BROWN
OFFICIATE IS AN EXCELLENT ONE.
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